IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Confirmation No.: 6991

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Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Official Action, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.